

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ACKLEY, JR. et al. Atty. Ref.: 4389-5; Confirmation No. Unassigned

Appl. No. New Application Group: Unassigned

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For: LASER UNIT, INSPECTION UNIT, METHOD FOR INSPECTING AND
ACCEPTING/REMOVING SPECIFIED PELLET-SHAPED ARTICLES FROM A
CONVEYER MECHANISM, AND PHARMACEUTICAL ARTICLE

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November 13, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: